

Cottonwood Heights City
MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
March 17, 2021
Virtual ZOOM Meeting / Recorded

Present*: Jennifer Shah; Greg Reid; Erin Davis; Paula McFarland; Michael Menssen; Chris Owens; Ben Hill; Ronna Cohen; Matt Dominesey; Greg Hilbig; Kristy Morrison

Management & Staff*: Mike Johnson; Andy Hulka; Councilmember Christine Mikell

Guests: Heidi Maxfield; Barbara Morrell; Suzanne Hyland; Adam Davis; Jared Richards

Absent Invited Agenda Guests: Tom Henriod; Serra Lakowski

**Unless otherwise noted here, the attendees appeared via ZOOM – Virtual meeting.*

Summary and Key Actions

- *Friends of Crestwood Park* petitioned for Salt Lake County to reopen the Crestwood park pool
 - Salt Lake County would like to proceed with opening the Crestwood park pool but will not initiate repairs if needed
 - The Utah Outdoor Recreation grant request for the Ferguson Canyon overflow sight will move forward
 - Committee commented on the Rockworth Development project's open space, trails, and site plan
 - Five million dollars was allocated for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in the past legislative session
 - Committee project priorities will be organized into two groups and presented for committee input
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Welcome: Ms. Shah called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members, management, and staff. Ms. Shah read to the committee a virtual public meeting statement from the Governor's Executive Order.

Discussion with *Friends of Crestwood Park*: Was led by representative of the *Friends for Crestwood Park* organization. The group has petitioned Salt Lake County to open and maintain the Crestwood Park pool. They met with the County's Recreation Director and were told that the County discussed the pool's opening with the Mayor and will proceed with planning to open the pool this summer with the caveat that if the pool is in need of repairs and long term maintenance, the County would not assume large capital improvements. To update the pool, the county estimated the costs to be within 5-8 million.

Committee member Ben Hill explained that funding limitations are a concern and community input is needed to progress to a new long-term vision of the park. Councilwomen Erin Davis volunteered to participate in the *Friends for Crestwood Park* group to represent the committee.

Wasatch Rock Development: Rockworth Development representative Adam Davis gave a summary of the Park Trails and Open Space develop projects within their plan development application. The committee posed questions during Mr. Davis' presentation. Mr. Mike Johnson outlined the committee's role and the approval process within each phase of the project. Committee member Kristy Morrison inquired about the

reseeding and reclamation plan for the site. City staffer Mike Johnson elaborated on the City's plans to hold the developer to the reclamation plan and the potential post development oversight.

Mr. Mike Johnson, Community & Economic Development Director Update: The Utah Outdoor Recreation grant request for the Ferguson Canyon overflow sight will move forward. The city is requesting the full amount with the addition of \$150,000. The additional funds would be used for trailhead beatification and wayfinding. *Cottonwood Heights Tomorrow* is a new website that was created to announce the new general plan and will host ongoing update and forums for public input.

State legislative session ended last week. Five million dollars were allocated for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The City will pursue funding and collaboration on the future planning of the trail.

Mr. Andy Hulka, City Senior Planner Update: Mr. Hulka outlined that the park plan has been open to the public for two months and has received very little public input. The City will move forward in approaching the City Council for approval and prepare to enact its vision on future developments in the City. Mr. Hulka also requested committee headshots and bios of committee member to put on the City's Committee website pages.

Service Area Update: Committee member Ben Hill shared that SLC Utilities - McIntyre Park / water tower will be undergoing a "facelift" in the next 3-5 years. His concern is to work with the SLC Utilities to preserve open space and recreation opportunities on and around the water tower in coordination with its "facelift".

The service area has committed to the University of Utah to be a participant in the national ParkRx America program initiative. The program promotes outdoor park usage via a doctor's prescription/consultation.

Butler Park connectivity project has been presented to the Canyon School District. Involved groups include the City, Service Area, and Canyons School District. Project costs will be presented to the City and district in a future meeting. A Service Area resolution was presented and passed tonight at their board meeting. The approved resolution outlines the new name of the pickleball courts. The new name will be the Michael J. Peterson pickleball courts. A formal presentation will be made during this year's Butlerville Days.

Committee member Melissa Fields asked about the City's plans in anticipating the lifting of the Statewide mask ban in April. Both Michael Johnson and Committee Member Ben Hill outlined the ongoing planning and communication that could take place acknowledging the initiative, noting that it is a very fluid topic.

Approval of February 17, 2021 meeting minutes: Committee chair Jennifer Shah sought a motion to approve the past meeting's minutes. The minutes were approved without any abstention.

Committee Project Priorities: Committee chair Jennifer Shah presented the current list of PTOS project priorities. Over ten different projects were listed but not prioritized. The size and complexity of each were discussed and City representative Michael Johnson requested that the projects be separated into two lists differentiating large and small scale sized projects. Once known, the committee will be able to prioritize from the lists. Mr. Mike Johnson recommended that the committee could have a small budget of \$2,000 for smaller projects given council approval.

Utah Trails Forum Committee: Council member Melissa Fields updated the committee on the past Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation trails forum meeting and asked to continue to be a committee representative for future forum meetings. Committee Chair Jennifer Shah announced that she had attend a Central Wasatch Trails Committee meeting. At the meeting Salt Lake County and the Forest Service outlined their funding needs for a trail master plan. Also noted was that *Friends of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail* have

secured a Utah outdoor recreation grant and RPT funds to add on to the rattlesnake trail section. Construction will begin June 1. Lastly, Davis County has authorized money for 14 miles of the trail.

Council member Melissa Fields explained that the Crestwood pool and access was not ADA compliant. The possibility of a Crestview Park splash pad was speculated on in place of the pool being updated. Maintenance, funding, and current master plan park amenities have been discussed with the County.

Ms. Shah asked the committee for agenda items and ideas for the April meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Ms. Shah adjourned the meeting.

Michael Johnson

Date

Jennifer Shah

Date